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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV INVESTIGATION OF SEPT. 76 MID-AIRCOLLISION

REF: (A) BELGRADE 2956; (B) BELGRADE AIRGRAM A-76

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY AN ATTORNEY WHO DESIRES TO REVIEW THE SEPT. 76 MID-AIR COLLISION ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT WITH A VIEW TO INITIATING POSSIBLE LITIGATION IN BEHALF OF CLIENTS WHO LOST A RELATIVE IN THIS ACCIDENT. REQUEST EMB CONTACT APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN THE YUGOSLAV FEDERAL DIRECTORATE OF CIVIL AVIATION (DCA) TO DETERMINE IF THEY WOULD RECONSIDER THEIR

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